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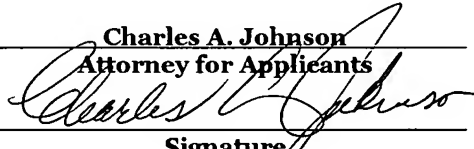
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir,

This application is a Divisional Application resulting from a Restriction Requirement in the Parent Application Serial No. 09/931/709, filed August 16, 2001, by Wayne G. Floe, entitled "TRAILER STRUCTURES", and is currently pending. In the Official Action mailed 9/27/2002, the Examiner established a Restriction Requirement and established Group I to include Claims 1-8, 14, & 21-25; and Group II to include Claims 9-13 & 15-20. Group I Claims were elected for prosecution in the Parent Application. Claims 9-13 from Group II were later determined by the Examiner to be properly prosecuted with Group I and were removed from Group II. Restriction This

Divisional Application is directed to Group II including Claims 15-20, and the invention contemplated therein.

By reason of the Restriction Requirement, this application is afforded the earliest filing date of the identified Parent Application, and priority to the earliest date afforded the Parent Application is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 120.

Please make the following amendments prior to examination and action on this Divisional Application:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please enter the amendments shown on the complete copy of the Specification commencing on the next page.